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Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation to encourage lifelong learning for all ages called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

While Fr. Mark is away, finishing up his studies, members of the parish have been asked to write a brief reflection on the Mass readings.

God Will Never Forget You

On NPR they have been interviewing people about the struggles and challenges they have been encountering in finding a job - any job - after being employed for many years with a good salary, benefits, and satisfaction. Everyone has shared their daily search and the many interviews in seeking a job. Their personal frustrations lead them to evaluate their personal worth and their relationship with God. Even to the point whether God cares for them or even exists.

In hard times; loss of a job, loss of a love one, loss of health, impending disasters… and the list goes on, it is easy to question the existence of God and if there is a God, is He really on their side? In this Sunday's readings we are reminded that God is always faithful to his people and to his promises. Even when we turn away from Him and place our trust in ourselves, in other people, in money, or in material goods. When everything else fails we have a sure hope that there is God who loves and cares for us.

Easily said when you are not suffering or having difficulties. But that is when our faith is strengthened and renewed. We are reminded of how children have faith in us and are forgiving and resilient. In the Gospel Jesus reminds us that we are God's precious children. He loves and cares for us just as we love and care for our children. The knowledge of this truth should free us from fretting and worrying. If he cares so much about the flowers and grass in the field surely he will have greater care and love for each one of us.

In today's first reading from Isaiah 49:14-15, God shows his deep concern towards the Israelites, his chosen people. There were people that had endured years of exile in Babylon and had little prospect of returning home to their homeland. Talk about being forgotten or having challenges. No wonder they were asking, "Is there really a God; if so, has He forgotten us?" As in the Gospel, the parent to child relationship is used to emphasize the God to His people relationship. "I will never forget you." The prophet tells us how God remembers us, protects us, support us, and takes care of us.

Our challenge in this week's readings is to trust God. May we grow in that trust together, confident that God knows our deepest needs and longings and loves us more than we love ourselves.

Thank you Fr. George Winzenburg
for coming to celebrate Eucharist with us.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

February 28 – March 6, 2011

Monday, February 28

Readings: *Sirach 17:19-27; Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mark 10:17-27 (green)*
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
4:30 pm: Lectio Divina Group

Tuesday, March 1

Readings: *Sirach 35:1-12; Psalms 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mark 10:28-31 (green)*
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
4:00 pm: Serve Dinner at Cornerstone Mission

Wednesday, March 2

Readings: *Sirach 36:5-6, 10-17; Psalms 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mark 10:32-45 (green)*
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
8:30 am: Bible Study
8:30 am – 5:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour
6:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace

Thursday, March 3

Readings: *Sirach 42:15-25; Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 10:46-52 (green)*
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Potluck
7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting

Friday, March 4

Readings: *Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9; Mark 11:11-26 (green)*

Saturday Morning, March 5

Readings: *Sirach 51:12-20; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mark 11:27-33 (green)*
9:00 am: First Reconciliation Liturgy
9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Marriage Matters
9:00 am: Noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, March 5

The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: *Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28; Psalms 31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25; Romans 3:21-25, 28; Matthew 7:21-27 (green)*
5:00 pm Sunday Vigil Liturgy
Mass Intention: For the Red Cloud Indian School

Sunday, March 6

The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: *Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28; Psalms 31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25; Romans 3:21-25, 28; Matthew 7:21-27 (green)*
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy
Mass Intention: For Lay Ministry within our Parish and Diocese.
10:00 am: Coffee Hour
4:00 pm: RCIA
NO Life Night
5:00 pm: NCYC Planning Meeting (parents & high schoolers)
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy
Mass Intention: For our parish community of OLBH

Ash Wednesday Collection

Our ministry at Catholic Social Services is focused on strengthening and healing families in our diocese. Our professional staff offers prevention/educational workshops, youth prevention programs, parenting classes and marital/family counseling services. Office locations are in Eagle Butte, Mission, Pine Ridge, Rapid City, Spearfish and Sturgis. Your prayerful, generous giving on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011, allows us to continue to answer Christ's call to serve people in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Together, we can make a difference.

OLBH Parish News

Our Lady of the Black Hills Parishioners

Come explore the Psalms on Sunday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, March 2 with a meal at 6:00 pm. Note the dates for our next Gatherings of Grace (due to Ash Wednesday Mass on March 9th). Child care for children under three years of age and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children age three by September 1 through kindergarten will be offered at the Sunday, February 27th gathering only. We would love to have you join us!

Attention High School Youth and Parents!

If you are interested in attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November, we will have a planning meeting on Sunday, March 6th at 5:00 p.m. November is a long ways off but we need to fundraise to help alleviate the cost so we need to plan now. Please join us! If you have any questions, please call Teresa in the parish office, 787-5168.

In-Pew Surveys Update

Thank you to everyone who completed the in-pew survey for the Ordination of our new bishop. We are tabulating the information. This information will help with both the immediate planning stages as we await the announcement from Rome, and also in the active preparations once our new bishop is named. After the tabulation process is complete, we will follow up with those of you who asked us to contact you about a gift to help defray the costs of ordaining our new bishop. To all those who marked the box that they would send a donation to the diocese, we look forward to hearing from you. To those who have already sent in their checks, please know of our abiding appreciation. To those who offered to be involved in the various tasks for the event, thank you for sharing your talents. We will be contacting you as the needs become more specific. Working together, we can all make the occasion of receiving our new bishop a joyful and meaningful celebration. ~Pam Fritz and Stephanie Hurd, Ordination Steering Committee Co-chairs

Greetings, from St. Louis

First of all, I wanted let you know how much I miss seeing, praying and celebrating the Eucharist with my parish family at OLBH. However, I have had several occasions to speak to some about all of you, which makes my heart long to be among all of you again. Several parishioners at St. Luke's the Evangelist, where I am in residence have checked out our web page and have enjoyed the tour and seeing the pictures of our parish community.

Earlier this week, I received an e-mail from Fr. Ed Courtney and he commented on how much he enjoyed his stay as well. "I had two good weekends in Piedmont. You have a very good parish, welcoming, organized, and vibrant. I talked to some folks with roots in this area. I think everything went well. Hope you are doing well - peace, Ed."

Things are going well for me and my writing is progressing, after a number of rewrites and more rewrites. Did I mention rewrites? At times I feel as though I was experiencing firsthand, the dying stages mentioned in the work of Kübler-Ross; denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. It is a great feeling to be moving towards acceptance at this point. Dang, this is going to happen. I am going to make it. But, I do need an extra week to pull it off. Keep the prayers coming.

I will be back in time for the First Sunday of Lent on March 12 and 13. I was hoping to be back on March 5, but simply needed more time to finish. I know one thing for sure I am looking forward to the long drive home, this time free with no worries and nothing hanging over my head.

Fr. Mike Mulloy graciously agreed to provide coverage for our parish on the weekend of March 5 and 6 and Ash Wednesday as well. I am not sure whose coming yet, but one of the priests from the Cathedral will lead in you worship.

I look forward to seeing all of you in a few weeks. Please know of my prayers for you and your families.

Fr. Mark

Youth News

TECA-TEC

Teens Encounter Christ

March 11-13. Lemmon, SD. Cost: $40. Encounter Christ through the Paschal Mystery in the rich tradition of the Catholic faith. Experience the sacraments of the Church, talks, discussions, prayer, fellowship, food, and fun. For juniors in high school through young adults. Information online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org. Contact: Gloria Maher 1-701-522-3244 or Lynn Hahne 845-7004.

Catholic College Student Summit

May 15th-20th. Estes Park, CO. Cost: $545. For college students and young adults. Live for a week in the Rocky Mountains and experience hiking, recreation, prayer and fellowship. Plus, study the following: Virtuous Leadership, Catholic Worldview, Theology of the Body, and How to Evangelize with Curtis Martin, Edward Sri, Tim Gray and Jim Beckman. Sponsored by the Augustine Institute and FOCUS. Register at www.augustineinstitute.org or contact John O'Brien at 303-937-4420 or Provatia Pietila at 343-3541 or ppietila@diorc.org.

NCYC

It's Back! This time it will be in Indianapolis, IN., November 16-21, 2011. Theme: Called to Glory. This is a great experience for the high school youth to Gather and celebrate the Catholic faith on a national level. Learn more about the Catholic Church. Meet thousands of other Catholic youth. Share beliefs and experiences. Recognize their role in the larger Catholic Church. **Cost: $565.00.** Price includes bus, hotel, registration and t-shirt. Food and spending money are extra. Deposit of $100 due by March 1st. Registrations and info are in the gathering area or are available online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org in the youth section. Go to www.nfcym.org/ncyc to see a promotional video. Please feel free to contact me with any questions Teresa Thompson, 787-5168

Resources to Help Keep Kids Safe

The website site of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers dozens of well-produced informational brochures covering a broad range of child safety topics. Go to www.ncmec.org and click on "Resources for Parents & Guardians" to find these brochures and other helpful information about child safety. Linda Severns, the director of the diocesan Safe Environment program, can be reached at 343-3541 or at lseverns@diorc.org.

National Catholic Schools Week Appeal

The Rapid City Catholic School System would like to extend a huge thank you to all the individuals who have sent in a gift to the National Catholic Schools week appeal. Your donation to the school system helps provide an affordable tuition, a safe school environment, and an education rooted in the Catholic tradition. This year's theme of "Catholic Schools: A+ For America" illustrates the fact that Catholic schools add value to this community and the nation. With traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, our young people in the Rapid City Catholic School System make a significant contribution to American society. Thanks to you, we are halfway to our goal of $25,000 for this appeal! The opportunity to make a donation to the National Catholic Schools week appeal is still available! Donations may be mailed or dropped off at 300 Fairmont Blvd. Rapid City, SD 57701 C/O Development Office. Thank you again for all your support to the students, faculty, and staff of the Rapid City Catholic School system.

SES/STM Fine Arts Club Fundraiser

Chili Feed and Talent Show. Sunday, February 27, 2011; 6:00pm Dinner, 7:15pm Show in the SES Gym/Stage *Tickets are still available, $5 per person or $20 per family.* Please call Carole Jaeger at 381-6176 for reservations for the Chili Feed. Tickets for the Talent Show only, can be purchased at the door. **Great family entertainment that raises money for our Fine Arts Programs and students!**

Ministries and Roles With-in the Liturgical Assembly at Mass

When the Church comes together in the liturgical assembly to celebrate the Mass, or any other sacrament, her members do not gather simply as a crowd, as an amorphous, undifferentiated group of people. They gather in a variety of ministries and roles. If we are to understand the significance of these ministries and roles, we must begin with Baptism, for only one who through Baptism has been given a share in the priesthood of Christ is capable of participating in the public worship which is the liturgy of the Church. In fact, the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of the Second Vatican Council tells us that participation in the liturgy is the **right** and **duty** of all the baptized.

The first qualification, then, for any participant in the celebration of the Eucharist is that he or she has been baptized into the Body of Christ, the Church. Each time the members of the Church gather to worship, they do so because their baptism demands this of them. While all share in the priesthood of Christ which delegates them to worship, some members of the Church are called by God to serve in the ministerial priesthood as bishops and priests. Bishops and priests are privileged to act in the liturgy in the very person of Christ, on behalf of his people, pronouncing the most sacred prayers of our faith, presiding over the celebration of the sacred mysteries, explaining God's Word and feeding God's people on the body and blood of Christ. A bishop has the added responsibility of being the chief shepherd, the principal liturgist of his diocese and in that role is the successor of the Apostles. Others by God's grace are ordained to the ministry of deacon. In the celebration of the Mass deacons proclaim the Gospel and assist the bishop and priest in exercising their sacred duties.

In addition to the ordained ministries there are roles in the liturgy which are exercised by lay people who place their time and talent at the service of the liturgical assembly as acolytes (altar servers), lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song and ushers. Others contribute their time and talent to planning and organizing the liturgy, to keeping the church and the vestments, vessels and appointments clean and well-ordered or to providing decorations that reflect the spirit of the liturgical feast or season.

The *General Instruction* makes it very clear that this variety of offices and roles is desirable and should be maintained. In fact it goes so far as to state: *... all, therefore, whether they are ordained ministers or Christian faithful, in fulfilling their offices or their duty, should carry out solely but completely that which pertains to them."* Not only, therefore, is it desirable that individuals function in roles of service at Mass, it is clear from the *Instruction* that if a deacon, for example, is present, the priest celebrant or a concelebrant should not read the Gospel. And the lector should not also take on the role of server and/or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. There is a wide variety of services to be performed, and it is desirable that different individuals exercise those services so that the talents and gifts God has placed within the Christian community are fully utilized and these roles of service are not monopolized by a few.

It is not sufficient, however, simply to have a "warm body" filling a given role. Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be well-prepared for those roles and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity and understanding. Obtaining the proper preparation requires a further gift of time on the part of the person being prepared as well as on the part of those in the parish responsible for the training of liturgical ministers. Finally, the practical task of assigning individuals to particular Masses and organizing the distribution of roles is another indispensable element in the fabric of well-ordered liturgical ministry in a parish.

But before individuals can be prepared for liturgical roles, there must first be individuals who are willing to assume those roles. All the baptized need to understand that part of their duty regarding liturgy is to accept some responsibility for the liturgy, to place themselves and their God-given talents at the service of the liturgical community whenever possible. If liturgy is a duty as well as a right, then part of that duty for those able to undertake these tasks is the responsibility to assume such key roles as those of lector, server or acolyte, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, usher, choir member, etc. . Whether one brings up the gifts at the Presentation, reads the Word of God, assists with the distribution of Communion and brings the Eucharist to those unable to be present at Mass, serves at the altar, provides music that augments the joy, solemnity and festivity of the celebration or serves the assembled community as an usher, he or she is contributing to the worship of the community and fulfilling the responsibility that comes with Baptism.

Not all members of the parish community will have the time, energy, strength or ability to serve in these roles, however, individuals must be careful not to excuse themselves too easily. And it might also be helpful for us to reexamine our situation every so often. The time available to a business person or to parents with young children may be very limited. But eventually business people retire and children grow up, leaving those individuals with more free time at their disposal. What is important is that all understand that the celebration of liturgy is not just the responsibility of the pastor, although he is delegated by the Bishop to oversee the liturgical life of the parish. Pastors need the help of their people, the people who are serious about living out their baptismal right and responsibility to worship.

Finally, this catalogue of specialized roles might give the impression that those who are not exercising one of these roles are free to sit back passively and simply let the liturgy happen around them. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those who come together for liturgy do not have the luxury of acting as passive "pew potatoes," waiting for all to be done for them. The liturgy is not only their right, it is their duty, their responsibility, and that responsibility includes full engagement throughout the liturgical celebration. The baptized faithful who form the congregation are called to join in praise and thanksgiving in song and spoken word; to listen attentively to God"s Word, to exercise their baptismal priesthood in prayer for the Church, the world and all in need during the General Intercessions. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist they join their prayer to that of the priest celebrant, offering Christ the Victim, *not only through the hands of the priest, but also together with him* and offer themselves as well *(GIRM n.95)* and their participation culminates in the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the sacrament which unites them more fully with Christ their Head and with one another.

In their sincere efforts to participate, those present minister to the priest celebrant, to others who serve in liturgical roles, and to one another. Their attention and active engagement in the celebration can draw from the priest celebrant and the other ministers the best they have to offer. Their enthusiastic song and verbal responses made with conviction can encourage others to sing and respond; their very presence at the celebration of Mass when so many other enticing options might have been chosen instead supports and reinforces others who have made the same choice.

The liturgy, then, is about the action of God's own people, each with different offices and roles, each office and role, from that of bishop and priest to that of usher and sacristan, one of service, not of privilege, a mirror of Christ who washed the feet of his disciples and instructed his followers to imitate his example of service.

News from Around the Diocese

Volunteers Needed at Terra Sancta

In order to save $$$, six volunteers are needed to remove items from the former convent area at Terra Sancta. Single bed frames and desks need to be moved from the 2nd floor into storage. Thirteen framed clothes closets (74"x 24"x 84") with bi-fold doors also need to be removed. If you would like to help move these items, or if you would like to have any of the closets, please call Leon at 381-5063. Work will begin at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 5.

Day of Recollection

"Our Roots - Understanding Through Our Family Tree" will be directed by Father Peter Kovarik. Saturday, March 19, at St. Therese Church, 932 Adams St. Rapid City. For all Catholic women in the diocese. No charge. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and rolls. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch. Participants are asked to bring a large salad to share. The event will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Please register by March 15. To register, contact Florence at 393-8213 or at duduchan@rap.midco.net. Sponsored by Rapid City Court St. Rita of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Annual Diocesan Men's Retreat

Celebrating Mass: The Source and Summit of Our Faith Saturday, March 19, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City. All men of the diocese are invited to spend a day with Father Michel Mulloy exploring the riches of the Mass. The 2011 annual diocesan men's retreat is an opportunity to grow in appreciation of the Mass and prepare for the new translation of the Roman Missal, which will be used beginning in Advent. Registration fee: $35.00. **Pre-registration is required!** Registration deadline: March 11, 2011. For more information or to register call Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541.

Happiness Is an Inside Job

Level 2 Separated & Divorced Support Group, begins at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31. The eight-week non-denominational support group meets at St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church, 532 Adams Street, Rapid City. The group uses John Powell's book by the same name to help participants deepen their healing experience following a significant loss. Christian adults who are looking for peace, joy, and contentment in their lives are welcome to participate. Pre-registration is requested, but not required. The registration fee is $38.00. Need-based scholarships are available. To pre-register, or for more information, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries 605-343-3541.

Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief Training

Friday, April 1, 2011! Priests, deacons, pastoral staff, psychologists, therapists, counselors, students and general public are invited to attend this educational training on the psychological and spiritual impact of abortion**.** Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will present the day-long training at Church of Ascension, Bismarck, ND, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CST. For more information, contact Joyce McDowall, Director Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Bismarck, at 877-405-7435 (toll free) or www.bisimarckdiocese.com. In the Diocese of Rapid City, contact Carol Kling, at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Rachel's Corner

"I know I was healed at the retreat, and I feel such an infusion of God's spirit in me. I rejoice, for I have been washed clean!" - Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

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Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

March 5th & 6th, 2011

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Irene Daschel		
Altar Servers	Hannah Ehresmann Elijah Ehresmann Tyler Trautman	Ariana Montes Marisa Montes Armando Montes	Kaleah Evans Austin Evans Rachel McCormick
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	**Beth Anne Ferley** Kathy Van Asma Ken Van Asma Jayme Hunt Reggie Hunt	**Lorinda Collings** Jean Schubauer Barb Erickson Gary Erickson Dennis Fischer	**Diane Clarke** Sharon Long Teresa Thompson Jim McCormick Denise McCormick
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Sacristans	John Wang Cathy Wang	Brenda Jacobs Marc Jacobs	Mary Blauvelt Brad Blauvelt Matthew Blauvelt
Ushers	Diane Norman Joe Norman	Robert Dyczek Mike Keller	Chris Van Asma Betsy Van Asma Tom Van Asma Matthew Van Asma
Choir	OLBH Family Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Marty Jolley
Marissa Jorgenson
Rogers Family

Repose of the Soul

Penny Schablitsky

The Collection Basket

February 19th & 20th, 2011

Loose	$ 1799.46
Envelopes	1773.00
Votive	3.40
Student	50.22
Total	$ 3626.08

We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.

~ Thomas Merton

For the Ride Home

~ By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- Even should she forget, I will never forget you. (Isaiah 49:15)
- With God is my safety and my glory, he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God (Psalm 62:8,9)
- I do not even pass judgment on myself… the one who judges me is the Lord. (1Cor 4:3,4)
- Do not worry about tomorrow; it will take care of itself. (Matthew 6:24)

Reflection

- Are you aware or the presence of God that is always within you?
- Do you try to live in the present moment and not be overly concerned about past mistakes or future challenges?
- Do you pray and keep up your relationship with God in good times and bad?
- How important is your relationship with God at this moment?

Let nothing disturb you, nothing affright you;
All things are passing, God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things;
Who God possesses in nothing is wanting:
Alone God suffices. (St. Teresa of Avila)

Bible Study Group

OLBH is starting a new Bible study group. We will meet every Wednesday for one hour, starting February 23rd, after the 8:00 am Mass. The Bible study we are starting with is ***The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Seminar*** by Jeff Cavins. This is a 24 week course, but if you are unable to come every week, you can check out the DVD's or watch them in the library. February 23rd we will have an overview of the Bible study. Everyone is welcome to join in, bring your Bibles and come learn with us. If you have any questions, please contact the parish staff at 787-5168.

News from the Diocesan Social Justice Commission

"When planning a service project, here are some things to think about. The ideal service project will provide an **opportunity for face to face interaction** with members of the human family in need. While cleaning up litter or sorting food at the local pantry are good things to do, these types of projects also offer little potential for true transformation. The truth is that nothing can replace the experience of real interaction and relationship with real, living human beings. Just think about it: isn't it easier to see the "face of Christ" in a homeless family at a soup kitchen or child at a tutoring program than in beneficiaries who are not seen or met?"

How to Make Service Truly Transformational, USCCB, www.usccb.org/campus/

Next weekend, Fr. Tyler Dennis from Cathedral of OLPH
will be here to celebrate Eucharist with us. Please make him feel welcome.

Reflection Questions for Next Week

Christians are God's children.

Question for Children: How big is God's love?

Question for Youth: How can God forgive us over and over again before we ask?

Question for Adults: Do you deserve God's favor? Do you accept it wholeheartedly regardless of your feelings of unworthiness?

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